

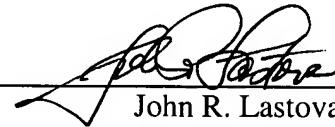
**REMARKS**

The Examiner requires election under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I, claims 1-9, and 17-34, and Group II including 10-16. Applicants elect without prejudice Group I, including claims 1-9 and 17-34. Claims 10-16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to pursuing those patentably distinct, non-obvious claims in a divisional application. New dependent claims 35-37 have been added.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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